



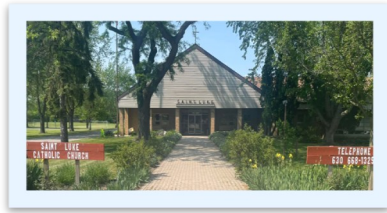
April 6, 2025

Budgeted Sunday Support

\$4,039.00

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| <i>Regular Sunday Envelopes</i> | <i>\$2,298.00</i> |
| <i>Candles & Votives</i> | <i>\$34.00</i> |
| <i>Parish Projects</i> | <i>\$92.00</i> |
| Total | \$2,424.00 |

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of St. Luke Parish!



"The country Parish in the Heart of DuPage"

ST. LUKE INFORMATION

401 COCHISE COURT
CAROL STREAM, IL 60188

Clergy:

Rev. Michael Pennock - *Administrator*
Rev. Marty Gabel - *Weekend Associate*
Rev. Antony Joseph - *Visiting Associate*

Parish Office:

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm
Friday CLOSED
Phone: 630-668-1325
Email: parishofficestluke@gmail.com
Website: stlukecarolstream.org
Social Media: Find us on Facebook & Instagram

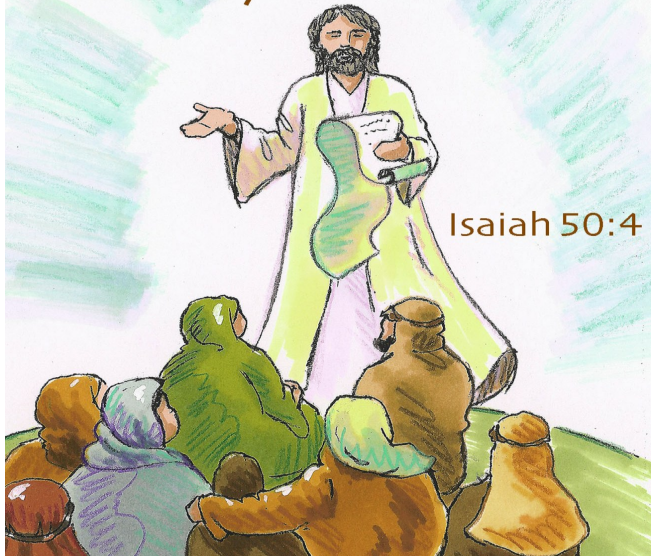
Religious Education:

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Parish Staff:

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Chris Colangelo - *Director of Buildings & Grounds*

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with the word.



Isaiah 50:4

St. Luke Parish

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - APRIL 13, 2025



Confessions available: Monday and Friday at 9:30am and Saturday at 4:15pm
Masses celebrated on Monday and Friday at 10:00am, Saturday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 10:00am
Eucharistic Adoration is available on Thursday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Sunday Reflection

Taken from <http://stpaulcenter.com/>

“What is written about Me is coming to fulfillment,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel (see **Luke 22:37**).

Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled.

By the close of today’s long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished, the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the Cross at the place called the Skull.

In His Passion, Jesus is “counted among the wicked,” as Isaiah had foretold (see **Isaiah 53:12**). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today’s First Reading and Psalm.

The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked (see **Luke 22:63-65; 23:10-11, 16**), as His hands and feet are pierced (see **Luke 23:33**), as enemies gamble for His clothes (see **Luke 23:34**), and as three times they dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see **Luke 23:35, 37, 39**).

He remains faithful to God’s will to the end, does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today’s First Reading: “the Lord God is My help...I shall not be put to shame.”

Destined to sin and death as children of Adam’s disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ’s perfect obedience to the Father’s will (see **Romans 5:12-14, 17-19; Ephesians 2:2; 5:6**).

This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His Name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken, that one day we too will be with Him in Paradise (see **Luke 23:42**).



Readings for the Weekend:

Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

Mass Readings for the week and beyond:

Can be found at <https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>

Mass Intentions

April 12, 2025 - April 18, 2025

Saturday, April 12

St. Luke Memorial Society

Sunday, April 13

Parishioners of St. Luke Parish

† Denotes mass intention for the repose of a soul

Mass intentions can be requested through the parish office during office hours or by calling the office at 630-668-1325.

The Mass stipend is \$10.00.

Please pray for the sick in our parish:



Karen Belmonte, Mike Bryant, Marge Cline, Nestor Cruz, Harold Ellingsworth, Ron Erickson, Angel Faulkner, Kit Ford, Alex Greiff, Carole Hible, Tiffany Jacobelli, Donna Marazzo, Abby Peck, Bernadine Savage, William Serna, Jeffrey Skrobott.

Please remember our beloved dead, and the men and women who have given their lives for our country.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed from **Holy Thursday, April 17 - Easter Monday, April 21.**

We will re-open on Tuesday, April 22.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Thank you to all our parishioners who have so kindly donated to our Easter flowers fund. With your kindness and generosity we are able to make our sanctuary look beautiful for this most sacred time of the year.



SINGLES UPPER 50s & ABOVE:

Looking for a deeper relationship with God and a renewed sense of purpose for your journey through life’s transitions? Connect with others and recharge your spiritual batteries on a **RENEW** retreat! The next weekend is on May 2-4, 2025 at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL. For more info, go to www.RenewRetreats.org, email renew.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call 309-912-6065.



St. LUKE PARISH

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Schedule

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13 - 10:00 am

Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 17 - 7:00 pm

Good Friday - The Passion of the Lord

Friday, April 18 - 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday - Easter Basket Blessing

Saturday, April 19 - 2:00 pm

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 19 - 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 20 - 10:00 am



LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent (excluding the Solemnity of St. Joseph per Canon 1251).
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

SAVE THE DATE

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE FROM INDIANAPOLIS TO LOS ANGELES

At the end of the National Eucharistic Congress last year, Bishop Cozzens announced there would be a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage from Indianapolis to Los Angeles in 2025.

Upon being asked, Bishop Hicks gratefully accepted the honor for the Diocese of Joliet to be the first Diocese on the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage St. Katharine Drexel Route.

The Diocese of Joliet will receive the Eucharist from the Pilgrims and Chaplains coming from a Mass in Indianapolis, IN on **Sunday, May 18** and we will present the Eucharist to the Diocese of Peoria at St. Patrick Parish in Seneca, IL on **Monday May 19**.



These are the Worship Spaces where the National Eucharistic Procession will stop for Adoration:

**St. Mary Parish, Paxton
Immaculate Conception Parish, Gilman
St. John Paul II Parish, Kankakee
Bishop McNamara High School
Immaculate Conception Parish, Morris**

Please watch your Parish Bulletin and the Diocesan website for further information about the Diocese of Joliet's participation in the 2025 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage.

Fr. Mike shares a quote from St. Gerard: "Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?"

Couples for Christ sponsored

EASTER

Egg Hunt

St. Luke Parish

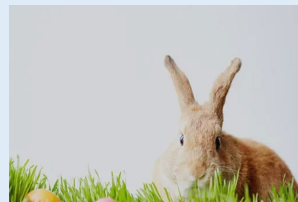
**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH
AFTER MASS**



Couples for Christ is a united global community of family evangelizers that set the world on fire with the fullness of God's transforming love.

They invite all to attend their annual Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds of St. Luke, with food and fellowship following the hunt.

If you would like to attend, please sign up on the hallway bulletin board sheet.



Bring a friend and enjoy celebrating with the Couples for Christ community.



Bishop Hicks' Column April 2025



From Teenager to Saint: The Roadmap of Carlo Acutis

The Catholic Church is about to name the first saint who was a "Millennial!" And he is making a big splash! In an era where young people are often seen as distant from faith, Carlo Acutis gives us an example of a new path to reality and holiness in this digital world. Born in 1991 and raised in Milan, Italy, he will be canonized on Sunday, April 27, 2025.

He grew up as a typical teenager, playing soccer, video games, and the saxophone. His young faith blossomed alongside his deep love for the Eucharist as he attended Mass daily, making it central to his life. Carlo's use of technology to spread the Gospel and document Eucharistic miracles worldwide shows how technology can be a powerful tool for good and for evangelization.

Carlo passed away from leukemia at the age of 15, inspiring multitudes of people with his courage and faith. As a celebrated role model for young people, Carlo showed that holiness is achievable at any age. One of his famous quotes is, "To always be close to Jesus!" His life and words continue to inspire us to cultivate a close relationship with Jesus through prayer, the Eucharist, Confession, visiting holy sites, and helping others in need.

Just recently, I received a letter from the pastor in Crest Hill. Last year, in Phase II of our Targeted Restructuring Process, the parishes of St. Ambrose and St. Anne were united to form one new parish. Since then, the parish has entered a process of unification and renaming. He shared with me how the parishioners actively submitted recommendations for a new name for their parish. Originally, 90 names were submitted. After discernment through listening sessions and small groups, the selection was narrowed down to the top three names. Then, those three possibilities were given to me for my final choice. All three names were strong and worthy. However, after a time of prayer and reflection, one name stood out clearly for me... Saint Carlo Acutis!

By naming the newly united parish after him, we are not just honoring his memory but also encouraging parishioners to emulate his example of living faith boldly in today's world through the Eucharist. As we strive to pass on our faith to the next generations through catechesis, evangelization, and faith in action, this newly minted saint will hopefully inspire us, both now and into the future.

If you would like to learn more about Carlo Acutis, I encourage you to see the new film, "**Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality**." For three days, April 27-29, 2025, it will be shown in 945 theaters across the United States. Once the first 5,000 tickets are sold, the film has been guaranteed an additional three days in theaters.

I saw clips of this film at a preview during the November meetings for the *United States Catholic Conference of Bishops*. I was fascinated by the life of Carlo Acutis and his impact on the youth of today. I also learned that all proceeds from this film will benefit causes for the youth, support the further spread of the Gospel, and help fund future National Eucharistic Congresses.

I invite you to consider seeing this movie as an individual, as a family, as a youth group, and/or as a parish outing. This is a great opportunity for us to learn more about a young saint and help evangelize others by inviting them to see it. You can purchase tickets through a pre-sale program. Locations and advance ticket sales are now available at www.carloacutisfilm.com. Even if you cannot see the movie right now, I urge you to visit this website, watch the trailer, and share it with others!

Before dying from leukemia, Carlo said, "Do not be afraid because with the Incarnation of Jesus, death becomes life, and there's no need to escape: in eternal life, something extraordinary awaits us." These saintly words highlight Carlo's deep faith in Jesus and encourage us on the way to holiness.

On Sunday, April 27, 2025, with fervent devotion and enthusiastic hope, please join me and the universal Catholic Church – no matter what your age – in exclaiming, "Saint Carlo Acutis, pray for us!"



Our Lenten Connection
St. Luke & La Libertad
Santa Ana Mission, La Libertad, Honduras
Open Hearts, Open Hands
Give Hope

*Please pray for our brothers and sisters
 In LaLibertad
 During this Holy Week.
 May they be richly blessed.*
(Please make your final donations this week)
*Checks may be made to "School Sisters of St. Francis
 Designate for LaLibertad*



St. Luke's Trivia Event

Sunday, April 27, 2025

1:30 p.m. in Jericho

Come and test your memories of "Some of Our Favorite Things...and People"

Complimentary Refreshments will be Served



Congratulations to Ashton Aulert, son of Michael Aulert and Keeley (Moran) Aulert who was baptized on Sunday, April 6, 2025.

Child Abuse Prevention month

As part of Child Abuse Prevention Month, we'd like to share the following information for you to use or share.



FIVE WAYS
 to protect your children from sexual abuse

Promise to Protect Pledge to Heal

Parents play the primary role in educating their children about sexual abuse. Here are 5 tips for teaching safety to the little ones God has entrusted to you.

- 1 Keep it practical.** Teach your children the differences between safe touches and unsafe touches.
- 2 Tell your children that saying "no" is okay.** Empower your children to say "no" if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable or touches them inappropriately.
- 3 Give your children a way to alert you.** Tell your children they can use an excuse or share a special "code-word" with you to alert you about an unsafe person or situation.

- 4 Tell your children to report an unsafe touch.** Let your children know they should tell you if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe around any adult or peer. You can also identify other adults they can tell about unsafe touches.
- 5 Tell your children you trust them.** If your child makes a report to you, believe him or her. Tell them it is not their fault and that you love them. Immediately bring the allegation to the attention of public authorities.



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Would you like to learn more about Carlo Acutis?

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